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TALE WITH
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THE time has come, we think, to say something about ourselves, or our collective selves, under the heading of the China Mail. For we are very old, 116 years, come February 20, 1961, which makes us only four years younger than the Colony. When we first saw life, there were already two English language papers in the Colony, The Hongkong Register, and the Friend of China, the latter published according to circumstances either at Canton or Macao. It might be thought strange that with only a few hundred Europeans in the Colony, that we had any place at all, but we had. There was a purpose to serve, and we started up with the idea of serving that purpose.

For the other papers had their causes, the Hongkong Register was a continuation of the Canton Register which was started up by the Mathesons. And characteristic of that family, was a hard hitting paper, tremendously biased towards the merchants, so that when its editors pursued their tactics in Hongkong they became, from time to time, guests of Government, lodged with some consideration in Victoria Jail.

But even the merchants themselves became a little tired of slanted reporting, and the China Mail was launched under a sort of slogan which might be read as "With service to all, and with prejudice to none."

But it was of some danger to be without prejudice in those days. Government awarded the China Mail its official notices, and under its Editor, Mr. Andrew Dixon, the China Mail began to lead the field. With the passing of the years, Government began to get a little heady, and following its policy, the China Mail rapped Government's fingers and hard. Later, the China Mail was almost put out of business because, although its reporting was fair, it did not suit the purpose of a certain community in the Colony, so followed a boycott. The China Mail got over it, and here it is today.

But there is a moral in this. Our policy today is the same policy of 116 years ago. We are here to serve those who require unbiased reporting, and that means we do not want "No comment," every time we lift the telephone and ask for information to which we and the public have a right.

50 dead, hundreds injured, many trapped in debris BLAZE SWEEPS GIANT WARSHIP

Brooklyn's 2nd big disaster in three days

New York, Dec. 19.

Fire raged tonight in the 60,000-ton missile-carrying aircraft carrier Constellation, one of the largest warships in the world, killing at least 50 civilian workmen, injuring hundreds and trapping an unknown number below the red-hot debris.

One police officer estimated the death toll would reach more than 100.

Tonight at 2200 GMT with the fire still raging seven hours after it swept the 95 per cent completed ship from bow to stern, faint lappings were heard deep inside the ship lying in the US Navy's Brooklyn dockyard.

In Brooklyn's second major disaster in three days, rescue crews from the Kings County Hospital—the same men who clawed at the street rubble to extricate bodies from the airliner crash last Friday—led the new rescue operations just two miles away.

Every available New York fireman was at the scene. Their chief, Commissioner Edward Cavanagh, said it would be impossible for his men to take part in the rescue operations for many hours, their main job was to control the flames which by nightfall, were centred in the bows.

Admiral Schuyler Pyne, Commander of the Yard, who directed rescue operations, told reporters: "We haven't any idea how many people are down there. The men keep going down the side and bringing people up. We just don't know how many more of them there are."

Of the 4,200 men aboard when the fire broke out at 1500 GMT—nearly all civilian shipbuilders with a handful of Naval experts—hundreds left the ship

by jumping into the icy waters. They were picked up by tugs and fishing boats which sped full steam to the scene. Other men scrambled up gang-planks and ladders. Several were hoisted ashore like cargo by the huge dockside cranes.

Others were carried out by rescuers wearing asbestos suits and masked against the fumes and smoke.

But many others—most of them civilians—never reached safety. One body was in a grotesque climbing position when recovered. The man had apparently been climbing a ladder towards safety when he died.

Many men scrambled through portholes. One plump workman got jammed and had to strip off his clothes off before he could pass through the narrow opening.

All day a pall of yellow and brown smoke lay across the scene. A short snowfall an hour after the fire started made the work of firemen and disaster squads more hazardous.

Holocaust

Some of the victims were drowned in the near-freezing water. Others were suffocated and were found still clutching their throats in agony.

Shortly after the fire burst out the cry went up: "Abandon Ship!"

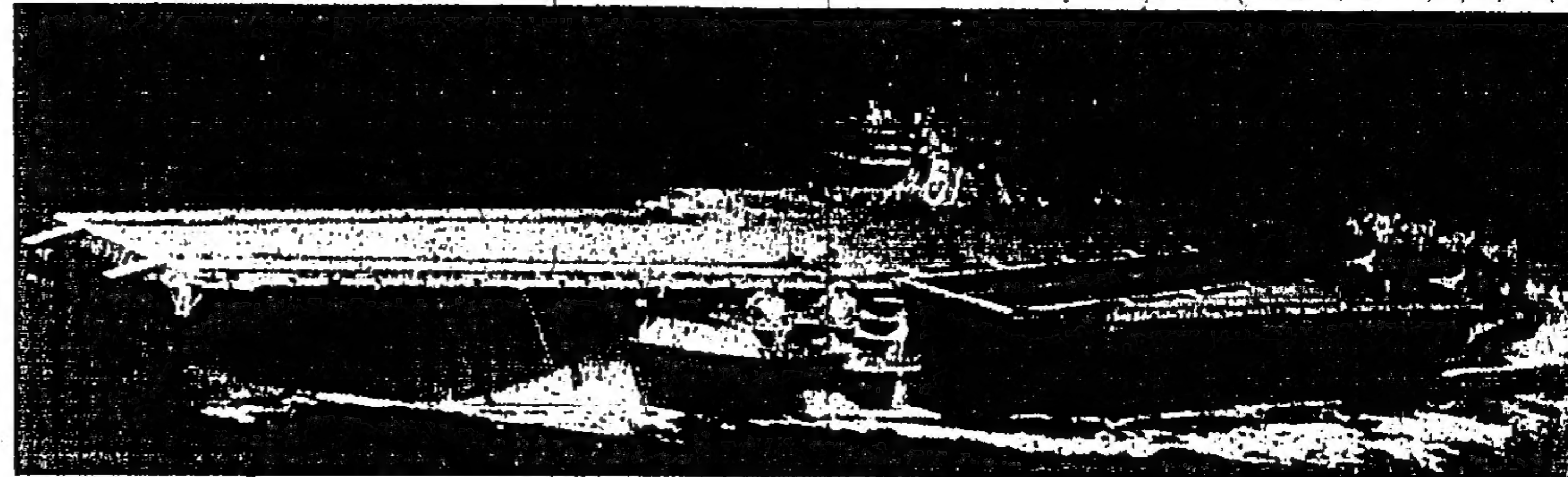
The holocaust was started when a container of inflammable liquid was punctured. Suddenly it came in contact with metal, hot from welding operations.

John Phelps, one of the rescued workmen, told reporters that he grabbed a fire extinguisher and almost had the fire out when the extinguisher became exhausted.

The blazing liquid then cascaded along the main deck and in the words of another survivor, "Inside seconds the whole deck was covered with fire."

The flames rose 180 feet in the air as the fire began to sweep the whole of the Constellation's 1,049-foot length—the longest ship in the world and as tall as a 25-story building.

Soon the inferno had made the decks a hell of red-hot steel. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 4)



THE USS RANGER—A sister ship of the Constellation. Both are in the Forrestal Class, although the Constellation measures 1,047½ feet in length—half a foot more than the Ranger. These carriers are of 60,000 tons displacement.

PLANE WAS OFF COURSE OVER NEW YORK

Washington, Dec. 19. Federal aviation chief Elwood Quesada said today that preliminary investigation shows the United Airlines transport involved in the collision over New York failed to stay in a holding pattern and had reported one of its two navigation receivers was "out of commission."

Mr. Quesada made the statement after he and Civil Aeronautics Board Chairman Whitney Gilliland gave President Eisenhower an hour-long preliminary report on the New York collision which claimed at least 134 lives last Friday.

Mr. Quesada, head of the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA), refused to make any conclusions as to blame for the tragedy, other than tell newsmen he was citing the "facts" of the CAB's preliminary investigation.

MADE CLEAR

The facts as Mr. Quesada told them made it clear the jet transport was off course and had not followed customary procedure of circling for further instructions when it got to the Preston, New Jersey, holding pattern to which it had been directed.

To date 64 out of the 127 persons aboard the two airliners have now been positively identified by their fingerprints. Most of the bodies were so torn or charred as to be unrecognisable.—UPI and AFP.

UK ROADS CLEAR

London, Dec. 19. All main roads in England and Wales were clear of floods tonight for the first time in two months, the Automobile Association announced.—China Mail Special.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE ANNOUNCES RESULT

Kennedy is formally elected President

New York, Dec. 19.

Senator John Kennedy was formally elected President of the United States today by the 537 members of the Electoral College.

The members, who were chosen by the electorate in the November 8 presidential election, met separately in their 50 state capitals to cast their votes for the President.

The convening of the electors is a phase of the American election procedure which normally passes without notice.

But it attracted widespread attention today because of the closeness of the popular vote in the election.

A chance

Sen. Kennedy defeated his Republican opponent, Vice-President Richard Nixon, with a margin of only about 113,000 votes out of a total of nearly 69 million cast. It was the closest election in 70 years.

There had been a chance of an upset until last week's failure of a Republican challenge to upset the narrow Kennedy victory in Illinois, which conventionally could have switched that state's 27 electoral votes to Mr. Nixon.

That, plus the defection to Mr. Nixon of some Southern electors—who have only a moral, not a legal obligation to vote for Mr. Kennedy because he carried their states in the popular vote—had put a Nixon victory within the realm of possibility.

But the Illinois challenge failed and there was no doubt that Mr. Kennedy would win after the separate Electoral College ceremonies were completed.



President-Elect John Kennedy

The American people do not vote directly for President, but for the electors, who are prominent citizens in each state representing one or other candidate.

Missouri vote

Mr. Kennedy was formally elected tonight when his total electoral vote passed the required 269, with the casting of 13 ballots for him by 67 Missouri electors. At this point he had 271 electoral votes, with ballots still to be cast by the electors in five states.

By the time the electors had finished their meetings in 49 of the 50 state capitals, the electoral vote stood: Kennedy, 300; Nixon, 219; Senator Byrd, 15.—Reuter.

Gold coins missing

Toronto, Dec. 19. Police said today they were investigating the disappearance of \$16,000 in gold coins—on a Trans-Canada Airlines jet flight from London.

The coins, consigned to the Bank of Nova Scotia head office in Toronto, were shipped on December 9 on a Trans-Canada DC-8 jet. The package vanished before the plane arrived here, police said.

A TCA spokesman said the coins were to have been used for display purposes by the bank office.—Reuter.

SECURITY CHIEF'S CORPSE HANGED

Addis Ababa, Dec. 19. The corpse of Ethiopia's former security chief was publicly hanged in Menelik Square today.

Lieut-Colonel Workneh, one of the leaders of the abortive rebellion, had been shot on Sunday night. Ethiopians flocked into the square—the capital's biggest—to see the hanging.

Meanwhile, an official funeral was held for ministers and officials massacred by the fleeing rebels. Commoners also buried their dead in traditional Ethiopian public funerals.

The army continued searching homes for rebels hiding out in the city, and an all-out drive to wipe out rebels who have fled to the hills was expected today.—AP.

Detective found dead

A detective, attached to the Special Branch, was found dead with a gunshot wound in his neck in a Kowloon hotel room early this morning.

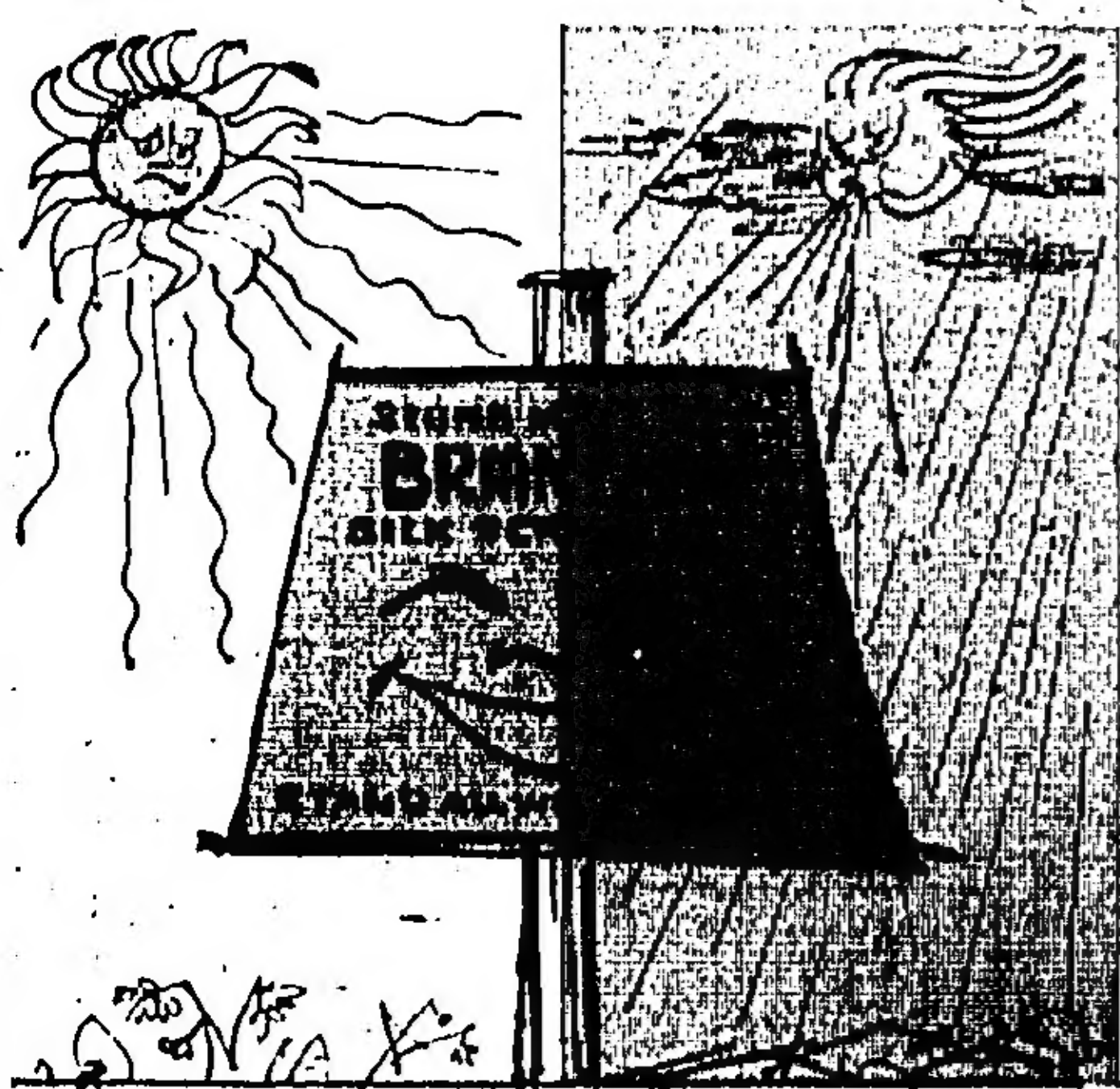
A service revolver and a letter were found near the body. The deceased, Li Wei-hei, booked a room in the Honour Hotel, Pileken-street, Kowloon, at 10.30 pm yesterday.

He left word with the room boy to wake him at 6.30 am today.

When there was no response to the boy's knocking this morning, he opened the door and found the deceased lying in bed, his body stained with blood.

Li was only about 25 years of age.

Police investigations are proceeding, a government spokesman said.



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U.S. RESUMES ARMS SUPPLY TO LAOS

Washington, Dec. 19. The United States has decided to resume military as well as economic aid to Laos, authoritative sources said tonight.

The decision was said to have been reached following the capture of the Laotian administrative capital of Vientiane from pro-Communist rebels by the forces of General Phoumi Nosavan and Prince Boun Oum, the Premier.

No tanks

The aid shipments had been suspended last November 30 at the request of former Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma, who has since fled to neighbouring Cambodia.

United States officials said that the decision on resumption of aid was conveyed to the Lao-

DECISION REACHED IN WASHINGTON

dan authorities late today. While the precise nature of the military equipment to be provided was not disclosed, officials said it would consist mainly of light arms and would not include tanks or howitzers.

In London, Mr. Joseph Godber, Foreign Under-Secretary, said tonight he did not see any point in recalling the Geneva conference on Indo-China to deal with the situation in Laos.

The British Government thought the most useful thing it could do was to be given, through the international

Control Commission, which was set up in 1954 and was adjourned indefinitely in 1958, he said.

He added that the Government felt there might be merit in reconstituting the commission if proper agreement could be obtained.

Mr. Godber was speaking in a House of Commons debate in which Mr. John Baird, a Labour member, who has visited Indo-China, had urged the re-opening of the Geneva conference.

Mr. Baird said there had been an American military build-up in South Vietnam and Laos for years.

"What right have the Americans to be in Indo-China at all?" he asked.

"There were 2,000 American technicians in South Vietnam and the United States was spending \$260 million a year on military equipment in South Vietnam at the present time. Now they were going into Laos as well."

Distorted

Mr. Godber said Mr. Baird was giving a distorted picture. "The Americans had been supplying arms at the request of the legitimate government in each case. The Communists had been supplying them to the rebel insurgents. That was the difference.—Reuter.

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PILOT 'FEATHERED' ENGINE OF ILL-FATED PLANE

Munich, Dec. 19.

The pilot of the American Air Force Convair which crashed into a crowded Munich street on Saturday killing 49 people informed Munich airport control tower one or two minutes after take off that he "feathered" the left engine, a U.S. Air Force announcement said today.

East German threat said 'tactical manoeuvre'

Bonn, Dec. 19. The East German threat to block allied transport rights to West Berlin if a new East-West Germany trade treaty is not signed in the next few days was described by Western diplomatic sources here today as "a tactical manoeuvre."

They believe the trade negotiations, resuming tomorrow, are going much better than the East Germans admit, and they think today's warning is probably designed to give the impression that eventual agreement is the result of East German pressure.

ACCESS RIGHTS

A British Embassy spokesman commenting on the threat to transport facilities said: "We have our rights of access to Berlin and they are not called in question by anything the East Germans may say."

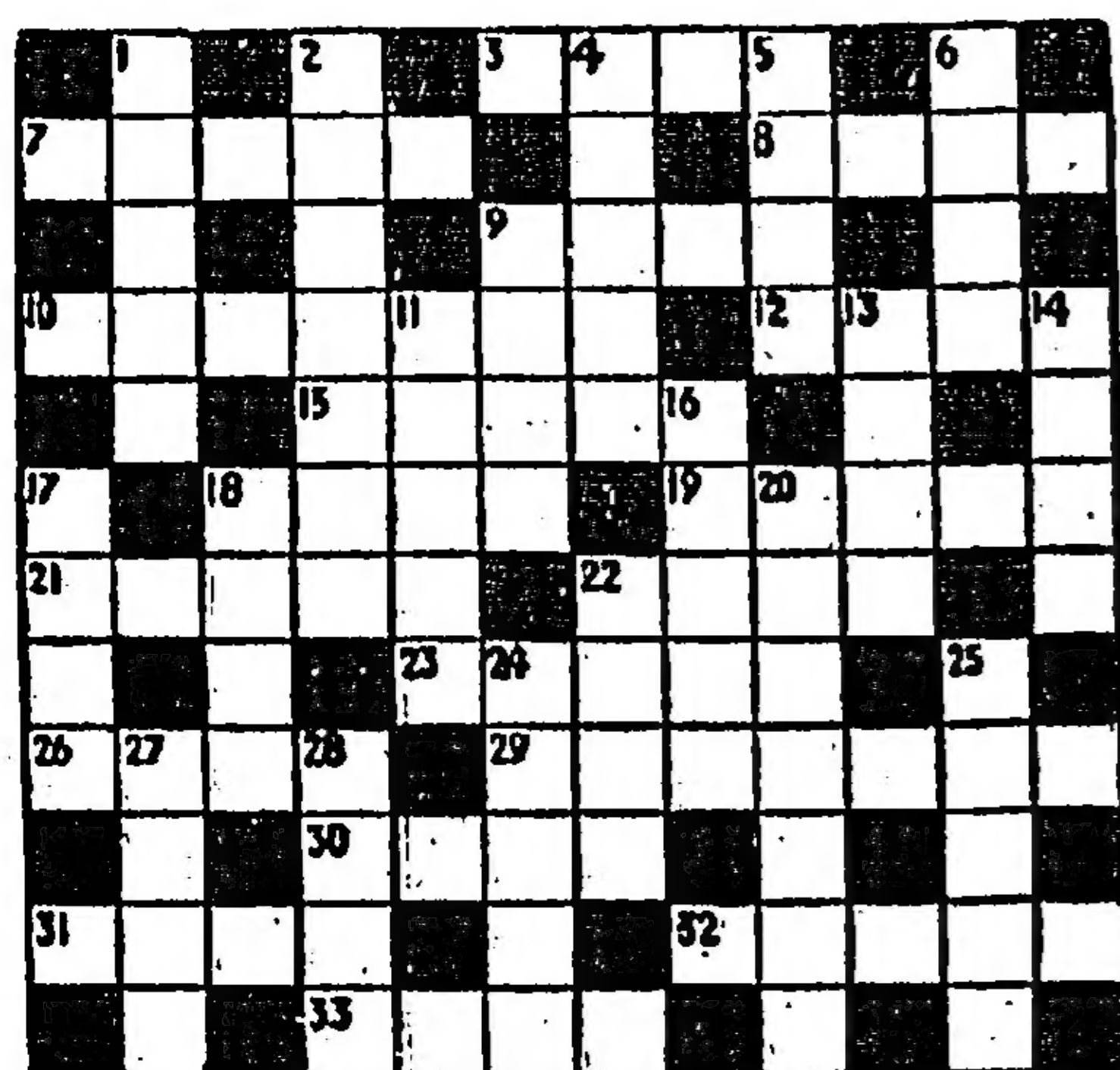
A French spokesman in Berlin said no change affecting Allied troop trains was expected during continuance of the trade talks, and no three-power consultation on the matter was contemplated.—Reuter.

No case

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 17. Police stopped an army sergeant for running through a stop sign here yesterday, but they didn't have the heart to press charges against him.

The sergeant's name, they discovered, was Merry Christmas, and he was hurrying to be married.—UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Cook in your own juice? (4)
- 7 Available for use later. (5)
- 8 It's regularly run over. (4)
- 9 Be transported. (4)
- 10 Root vegetable. (7)
- 12 Specify in particular. (4)
- 15 Judge-like? (5)
- 18 Works on the borderlines! (4)
- 19 May get up one's nose. (5)
- 21 Jeweled head-dress. (5)
- 22 Overseas possession. (4)
- 23 Overall material. (5)
- 26 A little home-work? (4)
- 29 Absolutely waterless. (7)
- 30 Cat that roars. (4)
- 31 One-man effort. (4)
- 32 Banks retain it. (5)
- 33 There are seven. (4)

DOWN

- 1 Impale. (5)
- 2 Welsh titmouse? (7)
- 4 What utter nonsense. (5)
- 5 Blue bird? (4)
- 6 Like a mill-pond. (4)
- 9 Parts of the skeleton. (4)
- 11 Can't he settle down? (5)
- 13 River with a German lull. (4)
- 14 He's entitled to appear in the peacocks. (4)
- 16 Famous sculptor. (5)
- 17 Stay for a time. (4)
- 18 "Alice" character. (4)
- 20 It's not to your credit. (7)
- 22 Before very long. (4)
- 24 Hard black substance. (5)
- 25 It always has one fish in it. (5)
- 27 Door to a small piece of land. (4)
- 28 Go like the weary ploughman. (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Specks, 7 Lads, 9 Toss, 10 Mains, 11 Nuts, 13 Washboards, 15 Moat, 16 Rans, 19 Safety nets, 22 Sol, 24 Addon, 25 Drake, 26 Brer, 27 Tiller, 29 Down, 30 Posts, 31 Climbs, 32 Sampan, 33 Blind-man, 34 Mist, 35 Amuse, 36 Sells, 37 Wares, 38 Heraldry, 39 Alde, 40 Ferret, 41 Yodel, 42 Elate, 43 Oars.

Hamburg hits at French incursions

Hamburg, Dec. 19. West Germany's biggest port city, aroused by recent stoppings of German freighters by French warships off the North African coast, does not want any naval visits from France until further notice.

Informants close to the Socialist-controlled city government said today a letter to this effect was being prepared to be sent to the Bonn Foreign Office.

The sources said the letter will also express the city's concern at the mounting number of French "encroachments" and voice disappointment over Bonn's "failure to take effective countermeasures."

The letter will probably be sent off next week, informants said.—AP.

WARSHIP IN FLAMES

(Continued from Page 1)

At midday the Constellation began to list and the alarm went up that the great ship might sink. Commissioner Cavanaugh, probably thinking of the French liner Normandie which capsized at her Hudson River pier after a fire in 1942, said: "When they go, they go quickly."

Naval experts went on board to open sea cocks to stabilize the vessel and shortly afterwards the stricken vessel righted itself.

But a civil engineer who worked on the design and construction of the aircraft carrier, of the Forrestal class, said: "She will never go down."

He said that the carrier had three layers of air-tight shell and a double inner bottom which would keep her afloat under any circumstances.

Four other Forrestal class aircraft carriers are already in commission. They are the Forrestal, Independence, Ranger and Saratoga. The Constellation was due for commissioning next March. A sixth, the Kitty Hawk, is nearing completion in Camden, New Jersey.—Reuter.

France arming Israel?

London, Dec. 19.

France was today alleged to be "unilaterally equipping the Israeli army and air force" and giving Israel technical aid to convert a United States reactor for the manufacture of atomic weapons.

Mr William Yates, a Conservative MP who made the allegation in the House of Commons, sought in vain to move the adjournment of the House "on a definite matter of urgent public importance" to secure an emergency debate.

He said he wanted to discuss "the obligations of Great Britain, a co-signatory of the 1955 declaration, concerning the state of armistice between Israel and the Arab states, and also obligations outlined in foreign policy statements of the arms embargo to the Middle East."

He said: "The French Government, likewise a co-signatory and a member of Nato, is unilaterally equipping the Israeli army and air force and is believed to be giving Israel the necessary technical aid to convert a reactor given to Israel by the United States for peaceful purposes to that of the manufacture of atomic weapons."—Reuter.

Murderer to hang

Edinburgh, Dec. 19. The Secretary for Scotland, Mr John McLeay, today announced that he had refused to recommend a reprieve for 19-year-old Anthony Joseph Miller, due to hang in Glasgow on Thursday for murder.

Miller and James Douglas Denovan, 16, robbed and murdered a shopkeeper in a Glasgow park last April.

Denovan, too young for the death sentence, was found guilty of non-capital murder and ordered to be detained indefinitely.

Miller's father had collected

nearly 30,000 signatures on a clemency petition.

(Murder in the course of robbery automatically carries the death penalty in Britain).—China Mail Special.

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... from \$1.40 to \$5.70 each
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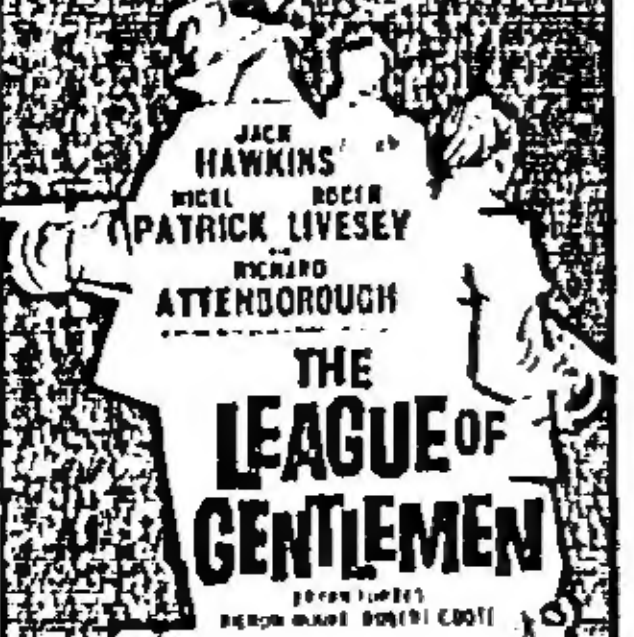
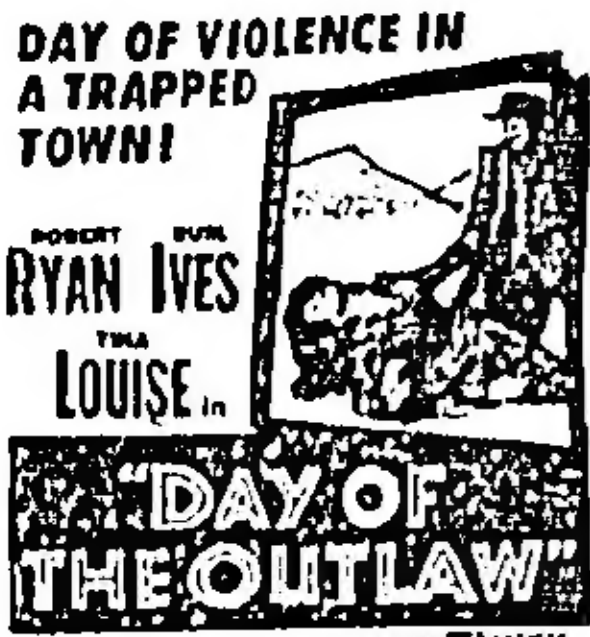


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ALGERIA CAMPAIGN STARTS OFF SLOWLY

Strict ban to
suppress violence

Algiers, Dec. 19.
The campaign for the January referendum on
Algerian self-determination opened officially
in Algeria today under the clouds of censor-
ship and a ban on public gatherings of more
than ten people.

Voting in Algeria will be spread over three days,
January 6, 7 and 8.

An official spokesman said
tonight censorship of news-
papers in Algeria would not be
lifted.
It seemed likely that the real
referendum campaign here
would be fought with leaflets
and clandestine orders passed
around by word of mouth
among both Europeans and
Muslims.

Seven organisations, several
virtually unknown, have regis-
tered for an official part in the
campaign.

Group banned

The bitter European polit-
ical group, the anti-Gaullist
French Algeria front, was
banned last week for organ-
ising a general strike and riot
during president De Gaulle's
recent visit to Algeria.

Six of the seven organisations
including the small Algerian
section of the French Gaullist
ruling party, the Union for the
New Republic, and the still
smaller association for the sup-
port of General De Gaulle, are
campaigning for a "yes" vote.
The Algeria-Sahara move-
ment, supporting M. Jacques
Soustelle, General De Gaulle's
former henchman and present
opponent, is the only official
advocate of a "no" vote.

No Moslem

No purely Moslem organisa-
tion is registered.

There was no marked
reaction here when censor-
ship today permitted the
newspapers to report three-
day-old official indications
that General De Gaulle
will turn the referendum into
a vote authorising him to
negotiate peace with the
insurgents.
But in Oran a number of
leading public figures issued a

manifesto calling for "a new
French Algeria," condemning
negotiations or "any attempt to
set up consultative, executive,
or legislative organisations" and
saying that Algeria must be in-
disputably part of France.
Ritter.

JAYCEES GIVE NEW STAFFS FOR HK BLIND

For the fourth year in succession the Hongkong
Junior Chamber of Commerce today present-
ed walking sticks to the Hongkong Society for
the Blind.

At a short ceremony in the
Jaycees' office, their President,
Mr. Alex Wu, handed over the
sticks to the chairman of the
Hongkong Society for the Blind,
the Hon. C. E. Terry, who said:
"When I spoke to your Jay-
cees last Friday night on the
occasion of your tenth anniver-
sary dinner, I said that all your
projects endured. There are
no damp squibs. Every
project which you have launch-
ed you have maintained and
magnified."

More blind

Mr. Terry referred to the
growing number of registra-
tions of blind people in
Hongkong, and said how use-
ful the sticks given by the
Jaycees were.
There were in all 930 sticks
given this morning, including
sticks which are preferred by
the elderly.
Mr. Wu told Miss Tatiana
Williams, Executive Secretary

New jive record claimed

Barry, Dec. 19.
Three Welsh couples to-
day claimed a new world
non-stop jiving record of
24 hours 49 minutes.

Twenty other couples
who started with them in
a Barry ballroom dropped
out earlier.

The organiser, Mr.
Samuel Walters, claimed
the previous record was 24
hours.

The couples were June
Self, 19, and Ken Ford, 20;
Pauline Palmer 15, and
Dennis Deck 17; and June
Smith 17, and Philip
Collandris. — China Mail
Special.

BODY MEN OUT AGAIN

Birmingham, Dec. 19.
More than 200 maintenance
men at a British car body
factory here walked out
again today within two
hours of returning from a
four-day strike.

Their original strike in a
disputed claim for longer hours
started in support of four
workmates who refused to re-
pair machinery declared
"black."

Today, when the four men
were asked to repair the
same machine they again re-
fused and the 200 others
repeated their earlier walk-out.

A total of 1,200 other em-
ployees were still idly
about in the original strike
— China Mail Special.

Princess has a chill

London, Dec. 19.
Princess Anne 10, has a chill,
Buckingham Palace announced
today.
The Princess was unable to
go with her grandmother,
Elizabeth the Queen Mother, to
a West End theatre matinee
this afternoon. — Reuter.

Sends candy

London, Dec. 19.
Princess Margaret who is
president of the Sunshine
Homes for Blind Babies, has
sent a big Christmas box of
chocolates to each of its eight
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was announced today. — China
Mail Special.

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Susan: home school but no lessons

The problem of being Susan Strasberg ... MOTHER KNOWS SO MUCH (SHE TAUGHT MARILYN MONROE A THING OR TWO)



PAULA: NO SVENGALI

"QUIET!" yelled the director. "Okay, action!" From her wheelchair at the head of the studio dining-table, Miss Susan Strasberg shot an anxious glance at the woman seated behind the camera.

"She's terribly nervous because I'm here," whispered the woman. "That's why I normally keep the Atlantic between us." And she took off her gold-link bracelet and began to finger the links as though they were the beads of a rosary.

This was Mrs. Paula Strasberg, mother of Susan, wife of Lee—founder of New York's famous Actor's Studio—and the woman who, it has been said, taught Marilyn Monroe to act.

I had driven down to Elstree Studios wondering about this mother-daughter relationship.

Susan I thought I knew about: a Hollywood star at 16 for her part in "Picnic"; a Broadway star at 18 for her performance in "The Diary of Anne Frank." But then, how could it have been otherwise for her?

Mrs. Strasberg was the query. I had been told she was formidable, fluent, and, of course, passionate about the theatre. I

pictured an erect, steel-haired matriarch of unbending will and ambition for family: a selfless disciplinarian in the mould of Ninette de Valois... more mentor than mother.

Compassion

How wrong! Paula Strasberg looks in her late forties. She has wide, compassionate blue eyes, her brown hair is drawn back tightly from a broad face.

Susan, 22, is physically quite different. Tiny—a scant five feet—with delicate bones and black eyes, she has a fey Celtic quality. She has tremendous stamina, pecks at everybody's conversations, then goes off into a detached, glazed "think" just before a scene.

"Oh sure she makes me nervous," said Susan as we walked back to her dressing-room. "But then the people

who make you nervous are the ones you care about—the ones who can also give you confidence.

"My parents didn't really want me to be an actress, you know."

"I was going to be a commercial artist. Even when I started to think about acting they didn't encourage me—they don't like child actors. But now it's accepted as if I've been doing it all my life."

"Having something like the Actor's Studio built in to your home must have helped?" I suggested.

"Perhaps unconsciously," she agreed. "But I've only observed—I've never taken part, and my mother's far too busy to give me coaching."

I found this hard to believe until I remembered it is nearly a year since Susan came to Europe to film in Italy.

"Yes, Rome was the first time I'd been on my own. You can imagine how it was in New York—if I was good someone else would get the credit and if I was bad they'd get the blame."

"What was that, Susie?" broke in her mother, smiling round the door.

"I was just talking about you making me nervous..."

"Your father says nervousness indicates sensitivity—if you know how to present it," said Mrs. Strasberg.

With Susan gone, I approached Paula Strasberg. If it was true, she told me, that Susan had never studied at the Actor's Studio.

"I was with her on 'Picnic'—but that was because she was only 15. Other than that she's never had anything from me. 'How it will be with Susie I don't know. It's a terrible problem for her having us as a background, but I think she would have been a good actress anyway—you either have it or you don't. It's how it's used and developed that's the problem."

"That's where the stage is so important—you can live through an experience moment by moment and it can't be broken up as in films."

Too old

Susan burst in again. "What was that about the theatre?" she panted.

"Oh, yes, it's much more of a strain—it's like dying again every night. Sure, I'll do some more plays"—(Her mother touched wood)—"but I also want to marry, have kids and settle down."

"I don't want to depend on the theatre for my whole life—it would be too unreliable as a husband." And she disappeared.

Mrs. Strasberg sat musing at her reflection in the glass.

"You know, that's the first time I ever heard her say anything about marriage," she said. "Of course, it's a normal thing for her to say at that age—and there have been many actresses who only achieved greatness after they'd become wives and mothers."

She got out of her chair heavily. "I don't know—maybe she should work with her father when she gets back to New York. I'm too old for her. Her ideas are wonderful. I just hope they're not so wonderful they get in her way."

And here ... is the trend inevitable?

How does such a mother-daughter relationship work in English theatre?

Says Margaret Lockwood of daughter Julia, 19: "I didn't think she was ever going to act—she wanted to be a dancer. But I'm not sorry—acting made me very happy and it seems to make her happy."



JULIA LOCKWOOD

Says Julia: "I grew too tall to be a dancer, so then I took up acting. Mummy never poked her nose in or tried to get me work or anything like that though it was nice for her that we could talk about the same things."

"I left home about three months ago because I felt it was time I became more responsible."

Says Thora Hird of daughter Janet Scott, 21: "She's the third generation in the business. I thought it would have been better for her to take up some other career. But she got her first film part when she was two."

Says Janet: "I don't think it's inevitable for the children of show business people to follow on the tradition, but I was filming at two and my husband, Jackie Rae, was touring in vaudeville at three..."

Well, how do you judge this handing down of the Players' mask? Is it in the blood, the environment, or the wistful thinking of an older generation?

I wonder if the ones who get away are not the luckiest.

—(London Express Service)

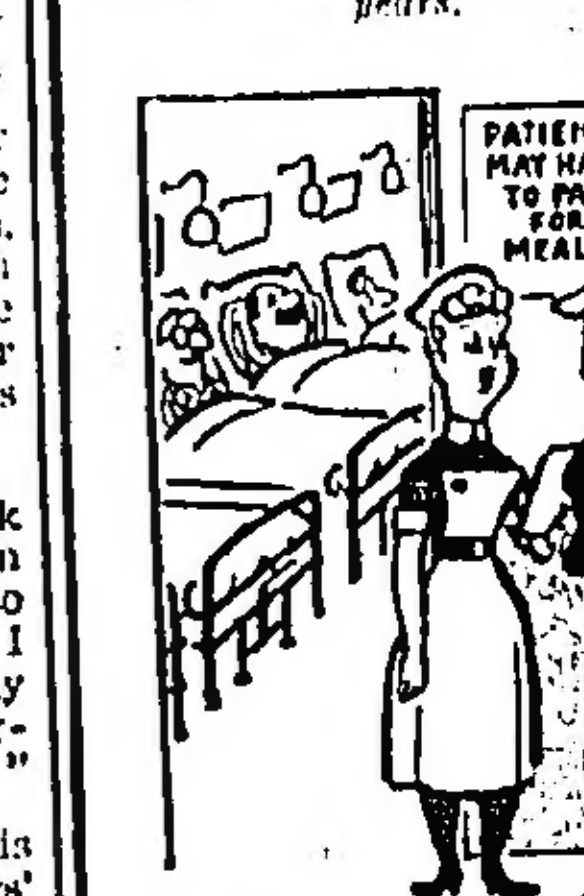
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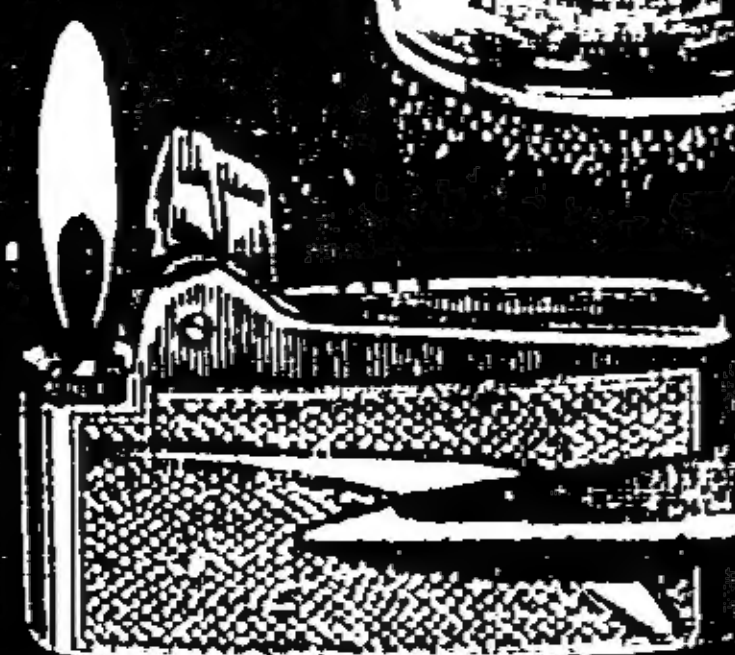
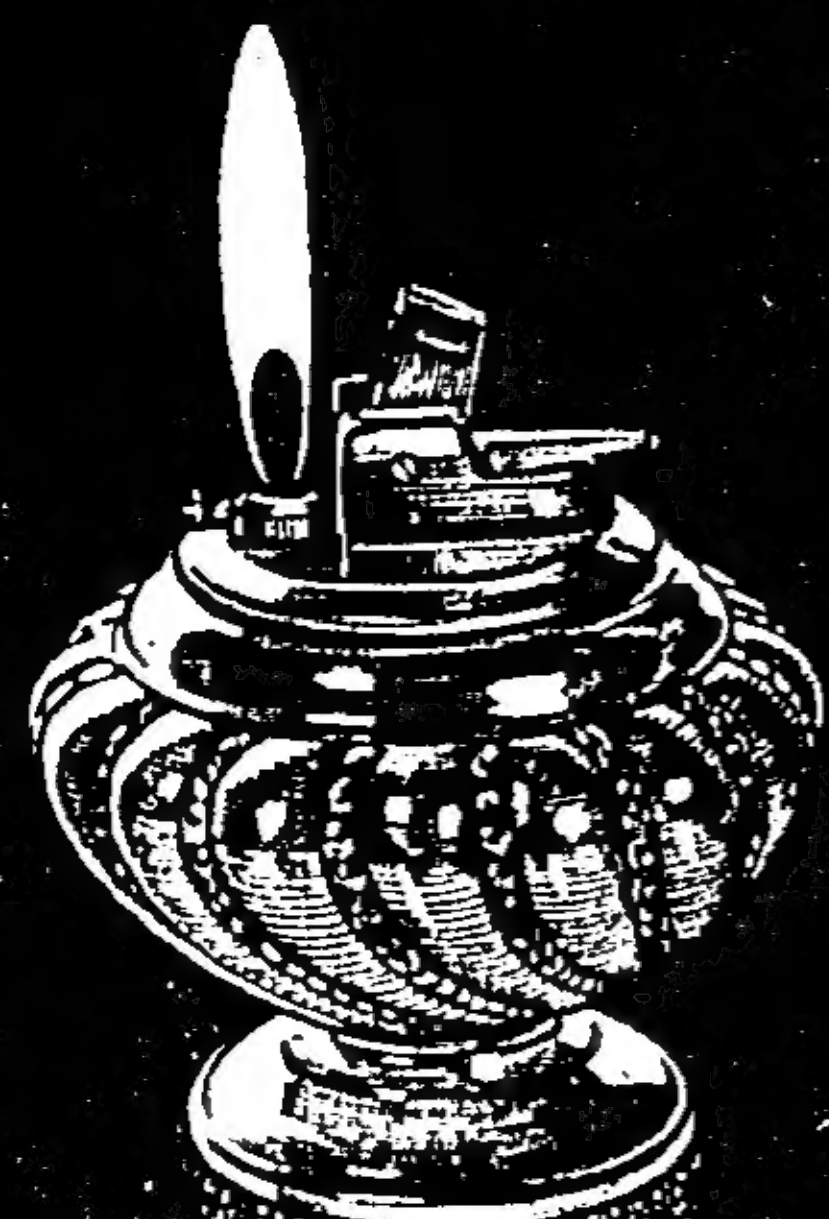


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Doctors and midwives are overworked. Hospitals are crying for more money, more equipment, and more beds. And expectant mothers are pleading to get into hospitals.

For the maternity service cannot cope adequately with the infant invasion. Already the last resort emergency bed service is being disrupted by the demand. And unless drastic measures are taken soon, there will be a very real emergency in 1965.

Relaxing

As a worried official of the Central Midwives Board explains: "The number of girls who reached the age of 18 this year was 296,000."

"But in 1965 there will be 405,000 girls reaching 18—the age when they start thinking of marriage."

"And," he sighed, "of babies."

"The difficulty would be eased if more women would have their

3 every 2 minutes BUT WHERE SHOULD THEY BE BORN?

by KITTY DIXON

babies at home. But 85 mothers out of every 100 want their babies born in an up-to-date, hygienic hospital.

And their insistence has set off a nation-wide medical debate: Where should babies be born?

"Home," says the Royal College of Midwives. "For psychological reasons the mother is less frightened in familiar surroundings. She relaxes more readily and the birth is easier."

Book early

"Hospital," says the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. "It offers maximum safety for the mother and baby. Ideally, all babies should be born in hospital."

TO MAKE SURE OF A HOSPITAL BED IN BRITAIN SOME MOTHERS HAVE BEEN BOOKING BEFORE THEY WERE PREGNANT

have been booking before they were pregnant. The shortage could be relieved if mothers were not kept in hospital so long. But the Central Midwives Board insists on their staying for a full 10 days.

The board declares: "We don't intend to lower the lying-in period again. We have already brought it down from 14 days to 10 days."

"Home," says the British Medical Association, "—when everything points to a normal delivery. The surroundings are more cheerful and comfortable for the mother, and she is not taking up valuable hospital space that should be left for complicated births."

The Maternity Services Committee of the Ministry of Health compromises. "Seventy per cent of all babies should be born in hospital, the rest at home," it says.

Women having their first babies, or any baby after the fourth, women likely to have difficult deliveries, and women with histories of difficult deliveries should go to hospital, it believes.

Second, third, and fourth babies of women who have previously had normal deliveries should be born at home.

At present nobody is satisfied. The national average of babies born in hospital is 65 per cent, but in some areas the figures drop as low as 33 per cent (Middlesex), and in others rise to 95 per cent (Scilly Isles).

To get into hospital, expectant mothers in some areas must book only one week after suspecting they are pregnant.

To make absolutely sure of a hospital bed, some mothers

"Hospital midwives wouldn't like it, because they couldn't follow a case through. And domiciliary midwives wouldn't like it, because they would be forced to take over cases half-way through."

No reason

But one doctor who favours the shorter stay, says: "The ruling is not made for the sake of the mother but for the midwives."

"The board demands that, to qualify, student midwives must care for a certain number of mothers for their full 10-day lying-in period, regardless of the bed shortage."

"In the United States the hospital stay is only a few days and there is no sensible reason why it should not be so here."

(London Express Service).

JACOBY on BRIDGE

THE theme of today's hand is almost the same as yesterday's. The difference is that this time East holds the ace and king of clubs, but even more important East also holds the jack of hearts.

Anyway West opposes the deuce of clubs against the four spade contract and after taking the ace and king East plays the deuce of hearts.

South had no problem. When you hold a singleton you play it. Once the king of hearts falls, South makes five odd instead of four.

East's low heart play has cost his side a trick. Has he made a nothing play?

The answer is that he has made a next-to-nothing play. Without the jack of hearts East would have been taking a valid chance to beat the contract. It would not have done him any good against a singleton king, but it probably would have

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East and West vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1	Pass	1	Pass
2	Pass	3	Pass
4	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—4			

worked against king-jack. Of course, we saw how South simply refused to play dummy's king when West underlined his ace of hearts in yesterday's hand but such lightning does not strike twice — even in bridge columns.

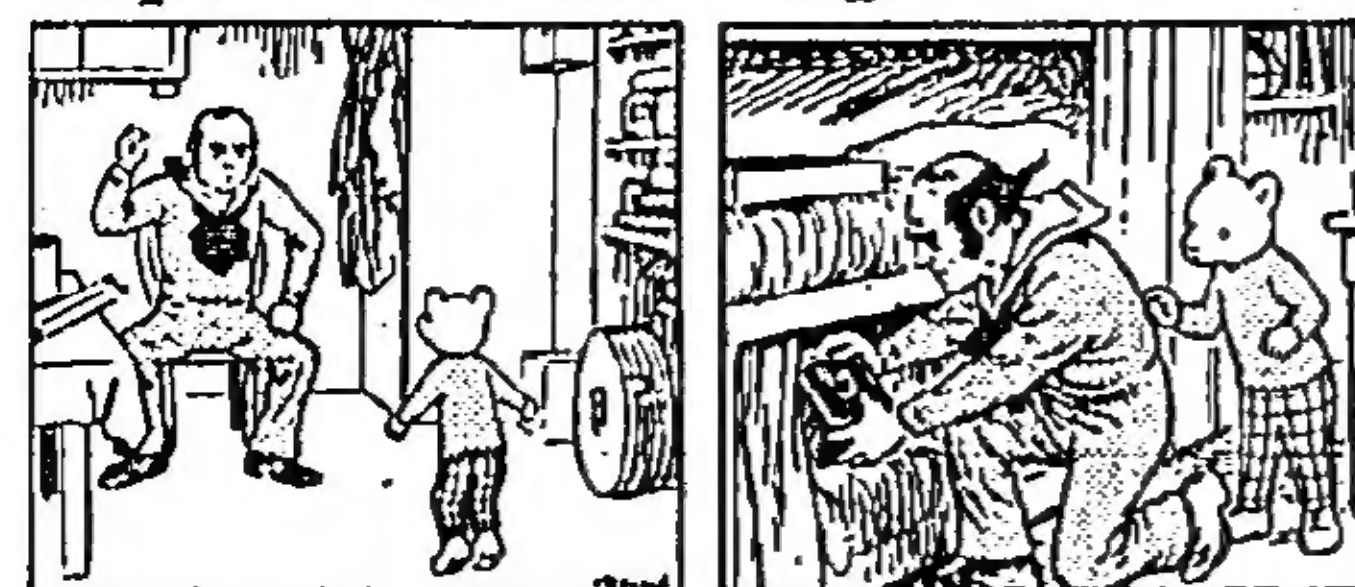
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You, South, hold:
AKJ5 WAQ98 AK2 AK104
What do you do?
A—Bid five diamonds. You still only have 21 points, but you do have the two top diamonds and good clubs.

TODAY'S QUESTION
You open two no-trump holding:
AK5 WAQ98 AK2 AK104
Your partner responds three diamonds. What do you do now?
ANSWER TOMORROW

Rupert and the Purple Star—20



Rupert tries hard to understand. "But if these are purple starfishes why shouldn't people bring them?" he asks. "Because they're terrible, dangerous, poisonous," says Sam. "You're lucky you only got an electric shock. If you had a scratch from one of its thousands of little spikes you might have died. Now who can have brought that sack full of them?" All of a sudden he gives a gasp. "It's Black Pedro!" he shouts. "It can be no other! Wait, I'll show you." And he produces a little iron box.

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SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Be careful how you draw attention to an associate's mistakes. He may retaliate with accusations of inefficiency on your part.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Don't be unduly impressed by the ostentation of a prosperous acquaintance. Rather pity him for his lack of taste.

YOUR LUCKY COLOUR: If today is your birthday, look out for a combination

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A modest rather than an over-confident approach is more likely to see you through a forthcoming examination successfully.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): A welcome visitor over the festive season will largely contribute to making this a most enjoyable Christmas.

LEO (July 22-August 21): The object of your affection may not be very responsive to your advances just now, and it might be wise to postpone any serious discussions about the future.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): Prepare yourself well for a forthcoming test, realising that the examiner has a big responsibility in judging your readiness to pass.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): A person born under Libra would prove disappointing as a partner, since you would always remain something in an enigma to each other.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Try to create a happier atmosphere in your home, and the members of your family will be more reluctant to leave it.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Let bygones be bygones and stop bearing a grudge against a person who sincerely regrets a wrong he once did you.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Too austere an approach to life could deprive you of much of the happiness which comes from a more easygoing attitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It would be a mistake to begin to exert your authority too forcefully at home, as it might upset the balance of your present happy family relationship.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A strong desire to tackle a heavy job should be supported by the necessary energy to enable you to go through with it.

GREY AND CHERRY. It ought to bring you luck.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Happy Surprise

—The Milkman Makes Giddap's Wish Come True—

By MAX TRELL

THE clomp-clomp of a horse's hoofs, sounded through the morning's stillness. Knarf, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-Around Name, hurried down to the street to say "Good morning" to Giddap, the Milk-wagon Horse.

Greeted Knarf

"Good morning to you," said Giddap, as she drew up at the curb. The Milkman stepped down from the wagon to leave bottles of milk in the houses along the street.

The Milkman never knew his horse ever spoke to anybody. "But I speak to lots of folks," Giddap said to Knarf. "There's a Policeman on the corner I often say 'Hello' to as I go by. And there's a Cat who always waits for me on the doorstep of her house and 'Howdy-doo' me almost every morning."

Talks to sparrows

"And I often have long talks with a family of Sparrows who live on the other side of the bridge, and hardly a day goes by when I don't talk to a certain old Lady who always has a lump of sugar for me—though I can't say I know where she lives—and I always have long talks with you, Knarf, just as I'm leaving now."

"I know that," said Knarf. "But why don't you talk to the Milkman?"

They're too busy

"To tell you the truth, we're always too busy," explained Giddap. "When he's in the wagon, I'm always clomp-clomping along. When he's off the milk-wagon, he's busy delivering the milk."

"And when we get home, I go to my stall and he goes to his house, so we never really get together for a long talk."

Knarf asked Giddap whether she understood the Milkman's broad back.

when he spoke to her. "Of course, I do," she said. "He tells me to go faster or slower or to stop or to get going; I understand him perfectly."

Pats her

"When he sees me in the morning, just before we set out, he pats me on the head and says:

"Here we go again, old Girl!"

"And I say, 'Thank you very much, Bill, my old friend,' when he gives me a clump of grass to chew on a fresh red carrot. But, as I said before, most of the time we're both too busy to do any talking to one another."

"Look," Knarf said, "here comes the Milkman now. Why don't you say something to him?"

What to say?

"What would you like me to say?" asked Giddap. "Ask him for a carrot," said Knarf. "Just let's see if he really understands you when you speak to him."

Giddap tossed her head and said:

"He understands me, all right. Just you wait and see."

The Milkman hurried up to the wagon and was about to pick up the reins when Knarf watched Giddap turn around look at the Milkman and say:

"May I have a carrot, please, Bill, my friend?"

Sorry for Giddap

Knarf felt a little sorry for Giddap. For, if he regret to say, the Milkman showed no sign even of hearing his horse, let alone understanding what she was saying.

The Milkman picked up the reins, gave them a shake and said:

"Giddap there, old Girl!"

"But I only want a carrot," said Giddap again.

"Get along," said the Milkman, shaking the reins so that they flapped against Giddap's broad back.



"Does the Milkman understand you?" Knarf asked Giddap.

Giddap was so ashamed that she could hardly lift her head to say good-bye to Knarf. But Knarf said cheerfully: "Good-bye, Giddap, I'll see you tomorrow."

Clomp-clomp-clomp went Giddap, as she moved dolefully down the street, pulling the milk-wagon behind her.

"I really do feel sorry for you, old Girl," Knarf murmured under his breath. "I guess the Milkman didn't understand you, after all. You'll just have to do without a carrot!"

Pleasant surprise

But what a surprise Knarf had a moment later! At the corner, the Vegetable-Man was just opening his stand.

"Whoa!" cried the Milkman. Then he jumped off.

Then, to Knarf's astonishment and joy, not to mention the joy of Giddap—the Milkman bought a whole bunch of carrots.

Gave her carrots

"There you are, sweet old Girl," he said.

And he fed the whole bunch of carrots right into Giddap's mouth.

Knarf couldn't hear what Giddap said. But he was sure, he was really positive, that Giddap said:

"Thanks, Bill, my friend! Thanks for understanding!"

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Revolutionary move by IOC head

2-2 score in India-Thailand Thomas Cup tie

Bangkok, Dec. 19. India and Thailand each won one singles and one doubles match tonight in the first session of the first round tie for the Asian Zone of the Thomas Cup International Badminton Competition.

Tomorrow night will decide the winner when three more singles and two doubles matches will be played.

Results of tonight's matches were (Thai names first): Chantarang Ratana Saeng-muang beat Suresh Goel 15-10, 15-11.

Somsook lost to N. M. Natchar 9-15, 4-15.

Narong Bhorachina and R. Phl Kanchanaraphi lost to N. M. Natchar and C. D. Deems 6-15, 9-15.

Huchai Vatanatham and Ch. Valeri Chumchum beat De-yan and Dipu Ghosh 15-5, 17-14.—Reuter.

NEW INTERNATIONAL RACE INTRODUCED IN MEMORY OF THE LATE ALY KHAN

London, Dec. 19. A new £10,000 international race, in memory of the late Aly Khan, is to be run at the "Saints and Sinners" meeting at Kempton Park on July 4, next year.

It will be known as the Aly Khan International Memorial Gold Cup.

A sum of £10,000 will be added to the stakes—£5,000 by the Saints and Sinners Club of London, and £5,000 by the friends of the Aly Khan.

The race, the distance of which has not yet been settled,

will be for three-year-olds and upwards, and travelling grants will be paid to the owners of entries trained overseas.

Those from Ireland, Belgium, France, Italy and Germany will get £100, and those from the United States, Canada, South Africa, Australia, the Middle East, South America, New Zealand and Russia £700.

Three-year-olds will carry 8 stone 4 pounds, and four-year-olds and upwards 9 stone 4 pounds. Mares will be allowed 3 pounds. The horse finishing second will receive £1,500, the third £750 and the fourth £350 from the stakes.

A Gold Cup worth £400 will be awarded to the winning owner by the Aga Khan, and trophies worth £100 will be presented to the winning trainer and jockey.—China Mail Special.

BRUNDAGE REPORTEDLY SEEKING BANNING OF OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS FROM DEFENDING THEIR TITLES

London, Dec. 19. Ban Olympic champions from defending their titles — that's the revolutionary move reportedly mooted by Avery Brundage, President of the Olympic Committee.

Olympic sources in London said they had heard of the move. It was planned to press it at the Olympic Committee meeting in Athens in June next year.

'NOT A FORMAL PROPOSAL'

Lausanne, Dec. 19. Otto Mayer, Chancellor of the International Olympic Committee, confirmed here tonight that IOC President Avery Brundage has "informally" suggested the idea that Olympic champions should not be allowed to defend their titles.

Mayer said Brundage made the suggestion in a letter to the IOC Chancellor about one month ago, "but it was not a formal proposal, rather a kind of idea, a suggestion he expressed."

"I never took it seriously, and I did not even put it on the agenda" of the next Olympic Assembly in Athens in June 1961, "I must repeat. It is just an idea, not a formal proposal," Mayer continued.

"Before taking it any further we will probably talk about it, in our meetings with the International Sports Federations and with the International Olympic Committee (prior to the June Assembly)."

"And I am sure the idea will not be accepted either by the Federations, or by the Committee."—AP.

The London sources said it was part of Brundage's campaign to cut all professionalism out of the Olympic Games.

Brundage's reported proposal for a ban on Olympic champions defending their titles caused a stir throughout the sports world.

DENMARK LEAD SCOTLAND 2-0 IN THOMAS CUP

Glasgow, Dec. 19. Denmark appeared likely to continue their triumphant way in the Thomas Cup Badminton Tournament when they easily won the first two singles on the first day of the two-day tie against Scotland at Greenock tonight.

They trounced Ireland 9-0 last Friday and Saturday.

The superiority of the Danes was quickly established. The Scottish champion, R. S. McColl, scored only five points in two sets against the world title-holder, Erlend Kops while J. P. Barrie fared little better against Finn Kobbero, who conceded only nine points in two sets.

Results were: E. Kops (Denmark) beat R. F. McColl (Scotland) 15-2, 15-3.

F. Kobbero (Denmark) beat J. Barrie (Scotland) 15-5, 15-4.—AP.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Meeting
ASF & OC Committee Meeting at S.C.M. Post Board Room, 5.30 pm.
Racing
Entries for Royal Hongkong Jockey Club's Sixth Race Meeting close at noon.
Boxing
Land Forces Individual Championships (Preliminary) at Sek Kongs, 2.30 pm.
Boxing
Land Forces Individual Championships (Preliminary) at Sek Kongs, 2.30 pm.
Tennis
SCAA Hard Court Tennis matches at King's Park, 2.30 pm.

England team for Sweden tie

London, Dec. 19. R. J. Mills (Surrey) earns his first international honour when he plays for the England badminton team against Sweden at Stockholm on January 11 and 12 in the second round of the Thomas Cup.

The rest of the England team is: C. T. Coates, H. R. Findlay, A. D. Jordan, R. J. Lockwood and P. J. Waddell.—AP.

Tom Graveney quits Gloucestershire

London, Dec. 19. Tom Graveney, the England Test cricketer who led Gloucestershire to second place in the County Championship two seasons ago, has decided to sever his connection with the club.

His decision follows the appointment by Gloucester of an amateur, old Etonian Tom Pugh, as captain for next season.

Graveney, who has played in 48 Tests, captained Gloucester in 1959 and last season, when they finished eighth.

Australian women's tennis team to tour Asia

Melbourne, Dec. 19. The Australian Lawn Tennis Association decided tonight to send a women's team on an overseas tour next year.

Mr. Norman Stange, the President, said the team will be chosen after the Australian Championships in January and will visit Italy, France, Britain, Germany, the United States, Japan, and other Asian countries.—Reuter.

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Fraser given to Friday to prove his fitness

Sydney, Dec. 19. Neale Fraser, the Australian lawn tennis star, has been given until next Friday to prove his fitness for the Davis Cup challenge round against Italy, which will be played here from December 20 to 23.

Fraser, Australia's main hope to beat the Italians, is suffering with swelling and inflammation behind the left knee.

Some Australian officials consider that Fraser's enforced layoff may improve his game in view of the amount of tennis he has played in the last few months. They believe that if Fraser is fit by Friday, then coach Harry Hopman can bring him to his peak in the three days left before the start of the challenge round.—Reuter.

UK soccer results

London, Dec. 19. Results of tonight's British football matches were:
ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division III
Tranmere 2, Brentford 3.
LEAGUE CUP
Fourth Round
Burnley vs Notts Forest. (Postponed—fog).
Fourth round replay
Plymouth Argyle 0, Villa 0. (Abandoned after 90 minutes—ground unfit).—Reuter.

PASSING THROUGH

Eleven women members of the Russian volleyball team led by Mr. V. Savvin, President of the Volleyball Association of the Soviet Union, passed through Hongkong this morning bound for Tokyo.

They will play three matches with Japanese teams during their ten-day stay in Japan.



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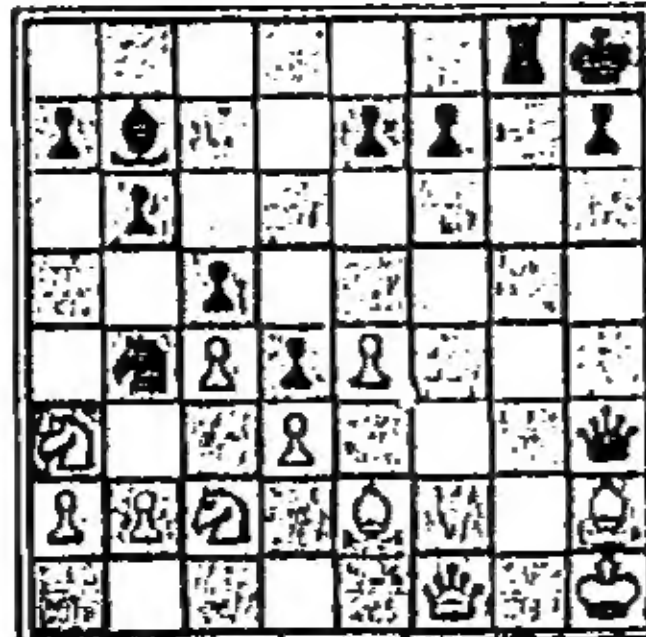
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'NEW DEAL' WILL MEAN FEWER TOP JOBS

London. Whatever emerges from the long, complex efforts to gain a "New Deal" for professional footballers, one unfortunate outcome seems likely: some full-time professionals will be forced to leave the game.

Dismissals seem inevitable when an industry is reorganised to improve its efficiency. And it is the same with professional soccer. Some clubs will have to prune their staff.

Cut down staff

The tragedy is that so many clubs have been allowed to sink deeper and deeper into such an unhealthy financial position. Now the time is approaching when they must put their houses in order. The example of Bristol City, who have decided to quit the Football Combination and reduce their playing staff, is perhaps a sign of things to come.

One manager has said that if the new League proposals are accepted: "I can see hundreds of players getting the sack in a ruthless economic purge." But I do not believe it has to be quite as serious as that.

Long ago, it became evident that clubs would have to prune their playing staff. Reserve-team football has been a great drain on club expenditure, often to the tune of £10,000 a year, and already there is a strong possibility that the Football Combination, Premier Reserve

Small clubs must take more part-timers

League of the South, will have to be abandoned.

The small clubs have difficulty in keeping a second team in operation. And some of the big clubs have trouble maintaining third teams. Fulham and Chelsea, for example, have saved considerable money this season by abandoning their third teams.

Yet I am opposed to the suggestion that all British clubs should follow the example of Real Madrid by streamlining their playing staff and doing away with all reserve-team football.

It is all very well for Real Madrid, who have about 25 professionals and keep them in trim with 60-70 matches a season in championship, cup and friendlies. But they have been able to search the world for their talent.

A sound policy

A few British clubs have been able to buy success, but many have found it more profitable and healthier to develop their own stars. No club in recent years has done this with greater success than Wolves, who rely very much on established methods of play and on competitive pressure within the club from lower teams.

The accent is on team work, and with this policy, Molineux players are already conditioned

to fit into a pattern of play when they step into the first team. Financially, too, this can be a sound policy. George Swindin of Arsenal, for example, is one London manager who has resolved to keep his club's third team going despite Chelsea and Fulham abandoning theirs.

He argues that the team has only to produce one senior team player in two years to justify the expense of about £10,000 a year. And who can say that he is wrong when the third team has produced such new stars as John Snodden and Geoff Strong?

More part-timers

What has all this to do with the future of the game? Simply that I think many small clubs will be unwise to forget reserve-team football altogether and maintain a staff of only about 15.

I have already said this season that I think there are too many full-time professionals in the game. I would like to see far more part-timers playing in the lower divisions. This way, the game does not have to lose anything like the "hundreds of players" that others feel it must.

Stan Seymour, the Newcastle United director, has recently said: "If we are to uplift their status... players must be prepared to give full-time service to their clubs. That could mean the abolition of part-time footballers."

"It will mean players cannot

get away with spending a few hours at the club and then dashing away to do other jobs or flying about in their gleaming, high-powered cars."

Now my ear is not high-powered, and it certainly never gleams. But, in principle, I agree with what Seymour says—as far as First and Second Division football is concerned. Below that level, I feel there is very much to be said in favour of part-timers.

Some boys dream of big-time football and jump at the first chance of signing on as professionals, only to have second thoughts later when they see no real hope of becoming star players.

A second trade

If a player has no hope of making the top grade, I feel he would be wise always to have a second trade and not rely solely on his footballing ability for his livelihood.

Except in rare circumstances, I do not believe that a player can give his best to a top club if he is only a part-timer. The ordinary nine-to-five worker needs to cut in at least three evenings a week with his club, and even then it is difficult for him to acquire the very high standard of fitness required. It is almost impossible for him to take part sufficiently in group training.

My own position is exceptional. As a university lecturer, I am extremely fortunate to work where there are first-class facilities for private training and to have a job which leaves me with fairly long vacations.

In almost any other job outside football, I think I would have found it difficult to make a success of part-time professionalism in a club like Wolves.

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Everton are my Cup tip

By STANLEY MATTHEWS, London.

If a players' strike has not stopped football, some of the old glitter will be back to the game in the first week of the New Year, when the big teams come into the third round of the FA Cup.

Even at this stage I am going to stick out my chin, and name four teams to go most of the way.

They are EVERTON, ARSENAL, BURTON, and WEST HAM. Everton's £250,000 team must be my favourites. They are developing into a fantastic outfit and when Alex Young retires in they will take some beating.

Can you wonder at their success when the side is littered with ball players? I look to them to take the Cup to Liverpool for the first time in 27 years. Arsenal are playing good football now, and George Eastham, brilliant schemer that he is, may be the type to increase the power of the forwards, so necessary in the Cup struggle. But defence is almost as vital and that is why I name Burnley as my No. 3.

COVER UP

They have worked out a comprehensive scheme at Turf Moor which showed itself in the second half of the European Cup game against Rheims last week.

At the least sign of danger the Burnley eleven whip back to goal and cover up beautifully. That kind of defence takes some beating.

Jimmy McIlroy is the attack schemer and the pivot of a goal-getting line. So Burnley are well armed for a Wembley burst.

They could double it up with the European Cup trophy. But you must have luck—and that is why I pick West Ham as my best outsiders.

They often get home draws—they have done it again this time—and look the right kind of team to come sniffling through from the rear.

Why have I omitted Tottenham? They are a brilliant side, but I don't fancy their style for the battle of the Cup. —London Express Service.

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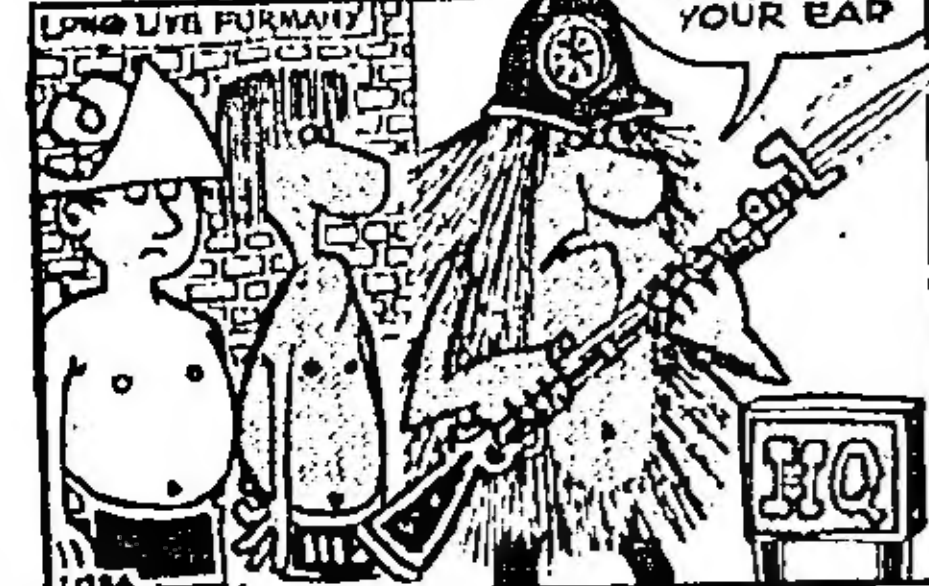
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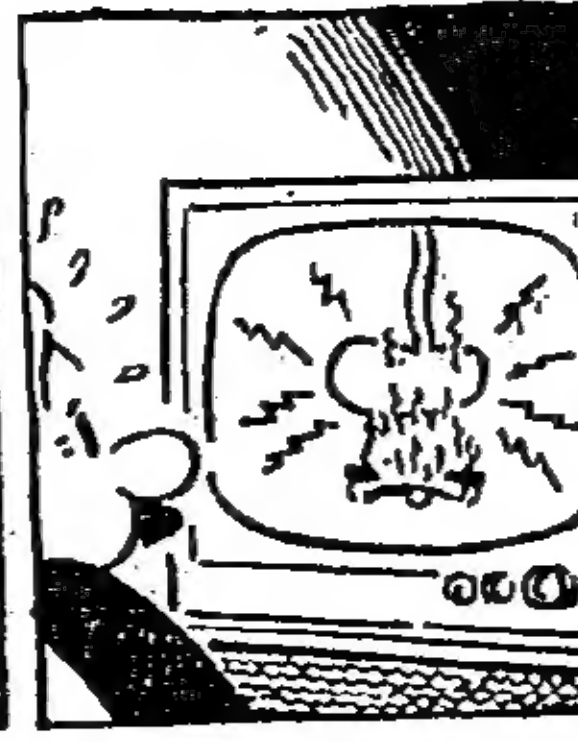
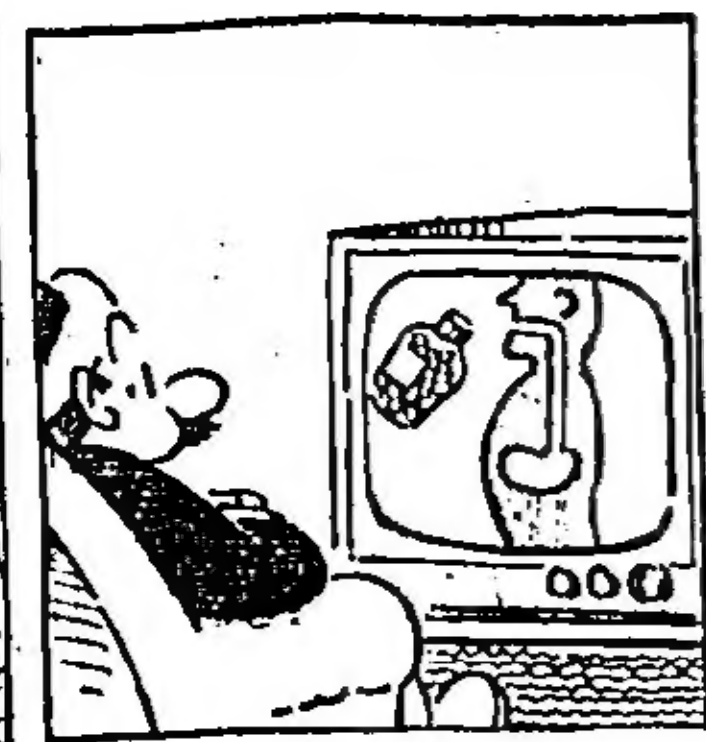


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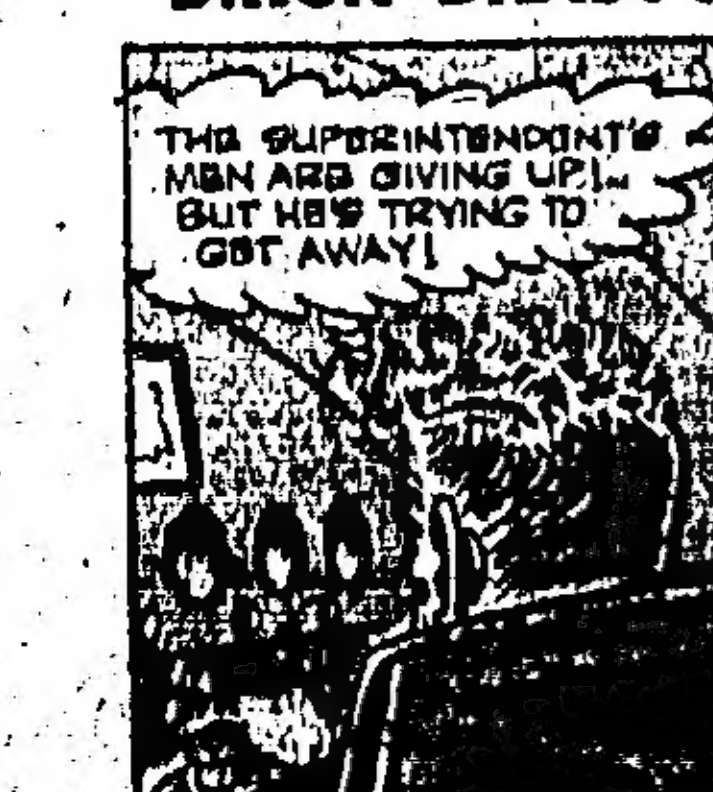
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